

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 20, 2006

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:05 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by Mark Teike, Senior Pastor at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
 - B. Pledge – Mayor Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Roll Call: Present: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Robert Kittle, Jim Lienhoop, Martha Myers, August Tindell.
 - D. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting: Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the last regularly scheduled meeting of June 6, 2006. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
 - E. Bob Stevens and Barbara Stevens, owners of Impact Forge, were recognized for celebrating 20 years in business. Mr. Stevens presented each person on Council with a paper weight with the Impact Forge anniversary dates on it.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

None
- III. New Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO.19, 2006, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7." (Vision Hotel Partners) Judy Jackson and Tim Dora. Judy Jackson, Director of Community Development presented this Resolution along with Tim Dora, member of Vision Hotel Partners, LLC. Vision Hotel Partners, L.L.C. requested tax abatement of real property in conjunction with a planned economic development expansion project in downtown Columbus. The plan calls for construction of a 97-room Hotel Indigo on the site at 400 Brown Street with an estimated cost of \$8,208,034. The hotel will create 41 new jobs. The real property is within the boundaries of the Central Columbus TIF district. Per agreement with Columbus Redevelopment Commission, Vision Hotel Partners, L.L.C. is requesting tax abatement for six (6) years. Tom Vujovich, on behalf of the Redevelopment Commission, indicated the Commission felt the tax abatement request was appropriate; the hotel fits all requirements necessary and the request should be approved. Bob Dalmbert, Jan Sprague and Chester Dingus all spoke in opposition of the tax abatement. Discussion followed. Robert Kittle, Council Member indicated the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Vision Hotel Partners, L.L.C. to be in substantial compliance. Robert Kittle

moved to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

- B. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2006, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, RE-ZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “AG” (AGRICULTURAL) TO “R-3” (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).” (Scott Ellegood Re-Zoning) Jeff Bergman, Director of Planning presented this request for re-zoning. He indicated this was a request to re-zone approximately 23.98 acres from Agriculture to R-3 single-family residential. Jeff Bergman showed the Google earth map, the location map and the area zoning map. He stated the Columbus Plan Commission had reviewed the application and was forwarding it to the City Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of 9 in favor and 0 opposed. He indicated several members of the public spoke at the Plan Commission meeting and expressed concerns about the increased density that the R-3 zoning would allow. Discussion followed. Jesse Brand made a motion to place in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- C. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2006, SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL FROM AREAS UNDERGOING DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” Steve Ruble, City Engineer, along with Tim Lawson with DLZ presented this Ordinance. Steve Ruble explained the steps that had been taken to revise the original Ordinance regarding soil erosion and sedimentation control. Much Discussion followed. Council member George Dutro made several suggestions regarding revision. George Dutro made a motion to table this Ordinance at this time. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

IV Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. Report by GIS Needs Analysis Task Force. Kent Anderson, MPO Director gave a PowerPoint presentation on GIS needs.
- C. Report on Community Development Block Grant Funds – Judy Jackson and Trena Carter. Trena Carter with ARA gave an update on the Annual Action Plan for 2004, 2005 and 2006. Discussion followed with questions directed to Trena and Judy Jackson.
- D. Next regular scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, July 5th, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.
- E. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:42 P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer

